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GLEN CANYON NRA IMPLEMENTS FIRE RESTRICTIONS

PAGE, AZ Due to extreme fire conditions in the southwest Superintendent Kitty Roberts announced effective **Friday**, **June 27**, **at 12:01 AM**, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area will follow the lead of other Utah land management agencies and begin enforcing fire restrictions.

These restrictions are in accordance with 36 CFR 1.5 and 2.13(c) which authorizes the superintendent to establish closures and public use limits when deemed necessary for public safety and protection of environmental values and during periods of high fire danger. Fire restrictions will remain in effect until the threat of wildfire decreases significantly. The only exceptions to this are specific events authorized under permit (i.e. July 4th fireworks event at Bullfrog).

These restrictions apply to Lake Powell and all other areas within Glen Canyon National Recreation Area:

- Setting, building, maintaining, attending, or using open fires of any kind, except:
 - campfires within approved fire pits and grills in developed campgrounds, picnic areas, and permanently improved places of habitation
 - in the primitive camping areas of Lone Rock and Stanton Creek
 - within 100 feet of Lake Powell's shoreline
 - devices fueled by propane or liquid petroleum gas are permitted in all locations
- Smoking, **except** within an enclosed vehicle or a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material down to mineral soil, is prohibited.
- Discharging or using fireworks or other pyrotechnic devices is prohibited at all times within Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. Violation of these restrictions can result in up to a \$5000 fine and/or up to 6 months imprisonment.

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